

## CLOSE THE FIRE TRAPS

Nineteen Theaters in Chicago Are Dark.

## MAYOR HARRISON'S ORDER

Inspectors Find Many Glaring Defects Imperil Life.

Theaters Had No Asbestos Curtains, and Some Were Using Painted Curtains of Burlap.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Mayor Carter Harrison today took steps to provide as far as possible against a repetition of Wednesday's horror at the Foxville theater. As a result of an investigation made at his orders and lasting but a few hours, fifteen theaters and museums were ordered closed, some of them being among the leading and most popular playhouses of the city. The action of the Mayor was based on one single violation of the ordinance which are intended to protect the patrons of theaters from just such an occurrence as that which cost so many lives on Wednesday. This was that everyone of these places had omitted to supply an asbestos curtain. The theaters ordered closed are:

NINETEEN THEATERS CLOSED.  
Hosanna's, Sam T. Jack's, Marlowe, New American, Olympic Academy of Music, Alhambra, Avenue, Bloor, Chicago Opera house, Columbus Stock, Thirty-first Street, Criterion, Fitzgerald's, Milwaukee Avenue, Garrick and Glickman. In addition to these the London Globe Museum and the Clark Street Museum were also compelled to close their doors. The Chicago Opera-house and the Olympic theaters are vaudeville houses of the highest class and are usually well patronized. They give, however, a matinee every day in the week, and it is estimated that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening. In addition to this they have been accustomed to selling large numbers of tickets for standing room, and as a general thing more people are within these places of amusement at an average performance than can be found at any other playhouse in the city.

CLOSED INSPECTION MADE.  
The Garrick theater, which was ordered closed, is a small playhouse on the northwest side of the city, and should be commended with the larger theater of the same name situated on Randolph street, for having been closed. It is estimated that the Garrick theater would work all times and under all conditions.

CURTAIN CAUSED LOSS.  
"It may not be possible," said Mayor Harrison, "to prevent loss of life when audiences rush for the exits, but I have determined to see that every precaution is taken to prevent such occurrences as will alarm the people and start them on a rush for the exits. It is all well to say that the great loss of life in the Foxville theater was due to the fact that the people lost their heads and crowded into the doorways and aisles like maniacs, but the fact remains and it cannot be denied that the theater would not have been so crowded had it not been for the fact that the apparatus in this theater, which judged by all ordinary standards, was the best equipped playhouse in the city, had been in proper working condition. There is no getting beyond the fact, from all the evidence now in hand it is clear that if the asbestos curtain in this theater had been in the condition it should have been there would have been no loss of life, comparatively speaking."

CURTAIN OF BURLAP.  
The report of Building Commissioner Williams showed that the Academy of Music, with a seating capacity of 200, had a curtain of burlap. The Alhambra, with a capacity of 220, had a curtain of burlap. The Bloor, 200; Clark Street Museum, 270; Criterion, 100; Fitzgerald's, 40; Howards, 90; Marlowe, 190; New American, 100, all had curtains of linen. The curtain in the Chicago Opera-house was of burlap covered with fireproof paint. In the Columbus Stock theater and in Sam T. Jack's it was of canvas. The Olympic theater, which holds at least 250 people, had two performances every day it is open, had a curtain of canvas.

OTHER GLARING DEFECTS.  
"There were other glaring defects," said Building Commissioner Williams, "which were noticed in some of the houses, but we were not paying particular attention to them today, although I noted them and the theatrical managers will be compelled to remedy them as soon as possible."

## DEATH ENDS TROUBLES.

Adolph Krug, Former City Treasurer of Seattle, Convicted of Embezzlement, Dies Suddenly.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—Adolph Krug, former City Treasurer of Seattle, who before the expiration of his term of office in 1894 was convicted of embezzling over \$100,000 of the city funds, was found dead in the Pleasant Beach hotel this morning. Coroner Kahan of Kitsap county says heart disease was the cause. Krug was sentenced, on conviction of his crime, to seven years in the State penitentiary. He served three years and was paroled and afterward pardoned, since which time he has been engaged in the saloon business here. He left Seattle on a boat for Pleasant Beach Wednesday night, with his family and a few friends, and was found at the hotel informed the landlord that he had troubles here and wanted to get out of the city for a few days. He complained of a pain in his head when he retired Thursday night, and when found at 10:30 o'clock this morning had been dead less than an hour.

Joke Was on the Jacks.  
An episode of the rabbit hunt in Tooele county yesterday, the galley boy submits the following, which is not presented as a strictly veracious narrative, but rather as a production of artistic merit.

Two hunters, Jack Jones and Jack Ajax, once went out to Alas to play Jacks. They secured up a rabbit. And attempted to grab it. But the bunny sprang. Fooled you then, oh, Jacks!



TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.  
PRESIDENT OF CUBA.

## LYNCH TO HAVE A CHANCE.

Board of Pardons Will Hear Petitions in Favor of the Convict This Morning.

In conformity with the notice issued by Gov. Wells, the State Board of Pardons will hold a special session at 10 o'clock this morning in the Supreme courtroom for the purpose of considering the application of James Lynch, sentenced to be shot January 8th, for commutation of sentence. A large number of petitions, asking that the sentence of the convict be commuted, and signed by leading men of the bar and newspapers, as well as prominent business men, will be read at the meeting, and all persons having any interest in the matter will be heard. The prisoner himself will appear before the Board of Pardons, and the evidence of all who took any part in the jail break will likely be taken.

It is believed that considerable light will be thrown upon the mystery surrounding the circumstances of the jail break last October. It has never been explained in whose minds the plot was conceived, or exactly who the leaders were. It is well known that Lynch prevented the other escaping convicts from killing Guard Jacobs, and counseled them to use no more violence than was absolutely necessary. It is said that he rendered material assistance to both Guards Wilkin and Jacobs and one of the prisoners who came to their assistance. In order to see justice done it is believed that the true leaders in the plot to escape will tell the whole story today.

Justice Bartch, who contemplated leaving for San Francisco yesterday to be gone several weeks, remained over until today to be present at the session. Guard Wilkin is still lying in the hospital as a result of injuries received on the night of the delivery, when Lynch and Haworth escaped, and although it will be impossible for him to be present today, his testimony will be secured and presented.

## MEIRS WON THE RACE.

Carried Off First Honors in an Exciting Skating Contest at Agricultural Park.

A large and enthusiastic crowd of ice artists went out to the Agricultural park skating rink yesterday afternoon to enjoy the pleasures of New Year's day skating and to see a few fancy performances, along with a five-mile speed race. The light snow that fell early in the morning soon melted and softened the ice, otherwise the conditions were ideal. Early in the afternoon, C. Reeves, Dr. Hugh Whyte, J. Nelson and P. D. Vinegar, four of the best fancy skaters in the State, gave a clever exhibition of skating, going through every imaginable figure with perfect ease and grace. After this came the five-mile race, which was the feature of the day. The six contestants, Meirs, Williams, Clayton, Bernstein, Croton and Pollock, finished in the order named, with the exception of Pollock, who dropped out at the end of the first mile. Meirs won out handily by half a lap and had he not fallen at a critical moment he would have lapped the whole bunch. At the end of the first mile, while the bunch was waiting for some one to take the pace, he popped out from the rear and got a lead which he easily held to the end. He was the smallest fellow in the bunch, and it more than tickled the crowd to see him run away from his larger opponents, who tried time and again to overtake him. Meirs received a \$10 cash prize, and Williams, the next best man, got \$5. Williams and Clayton both have the making of good skaters, but were somewhat handicapped by overal bad falls.

The skaters were given a clear track by the crowd, which seemed to be intensely interested in the outcome.

## CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Richard P. Morris Issues His Validity to the People of the City.

The report of the City Treasurer's office at the close of business on December 31, 1903, prepared by Chief Clerk Lou Johnson yesterday, shows that \$132,976.56 is the cash balance in the bank. It is divided among the various funds as follows:

Contingent expenses	\$32,094.34
Irrigation and water supply	10,589.21
Street and sidewalk	57,623.67
Sewers and drains	8,215.23
Waterworks	1,118.29
Watermeter deposit	8,508.59
Public library	8,798.05
Bicycle path	31.66
Miscellaneous special funds	27,014.32

## HEADACHES FROM COLDS.

Laxative Bromine Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine, call for the full name, Dr. J. C. Jones.

## SUNK BY WARSHIPS

Colombian Gunboat Reported Out of Action.

## RUMOR BEING INVESTIGATED

Internal Situation in Colombia Very Threatening.

Changes Proposed by Morroquin Which, It Is Believed, Will Quiet the Existing Unrest.

Colon, Jan. 1.—There were persistent rumors here yesterday and again today that the Colombian gunboat Gen. Pinzon had been sunk by American warships. There is no confirmation of the report at this time. The Mayflower, to which Admiral Coghlin transferred his flag yesterday, steamed out of the harbor this morning. There are no ships of war here. Assistant Secretary Davling of the Navy department at Washington said tonight that he had received no news whatever with reference to the rumored sinking of a Colombian vessel by an American warship, and that he believed the rumor was without foundation in fact.

CONFER WITH INDIANS.  
A dispatch to the Associated Press from Colon, December 31st, said that a man had arrived there from Carti and reported to Gov. Melendez that Colombian troops had landed at Carti December 21st and conferred with the Indian Chief Tamaquina, who afterward was taken aboard a vessel and it was thought, conveyed to Cartagena.

SITUATION VERY GRAVE.  
That Colombia's internal situation is daily becoming graver and more threatening and that Colombians are realizing the extreme seriousness thereof is evidenced by a discussion that has been brought out at Cartagena and Barranquilla by the publication of documents dated Bogota, December 24th, and signed by President Morroquin and his Cabinet, in which it is proposed to have municipalities hold plebiscites as to whether the constitution will be changed, decentralizing Bogota's powers and greatly increasing the powers of municipalities and departmental governments.

## KING WAS ILL.

Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark Received the Diplomatic Corps and Their Messages.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 1.—Owing to the indisposition of King Christian, the Crown Prince Frederick, in his Majesty's behalf, today received the diplomatic corps. United States Minister Swenson, as dean of the corps, requested that the felicitations of the diplomatic body be conveyed to King Christian, with their best wishes for his speedy recovery. The Minister also communicated to the Crown Prince President Roosevelt's message of sympathy with the King in his illness and his felicitations on the new year.

CLERK HAS DISAPPEARED.  
Accompanied His Father to the Depot at Pueblo and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 1.—William B. Moore, who has for years been clerk in the office of the County Treasurer, has been missing since Saturday night, when he accompanied his father to the union depot, the latter leaving for California. The son was to have departed on a later train for Denver. Whether he went to Denver is not known, and the police, after thorough search of the city, have been unable to obtain a clue. Mr. Moore has a family residing in a prominent neighborhood. He is very popular and well known.

## Baby Costs Too Much

When the price paid is the mother's health and happiness. The father doesn't realize as he romps with the child what years of wifely suffering must be set against the baby's laughter.

Chronic invalidism is a high price to pay for the painful joy of maternity, yet it is at such a cost that many a woman becomes a mother. Such a price is too much because it is more than nature asks.

By the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription, maternity is made practically painless, and a quick convalescence is assured in almost every case. "I am pleased to give my testimony and wish I could find words strong enough to induce other sufferers to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

writes Mrs. Wesley Gay, of Kempsville, Ont., Box 4. "For eight years after my little boy was born I suffered with female weakness, also soreness in ovaries, especially on my right side, and pain in back. Was so miserable sometimes did not know what I was going to do. Tried several doctors, but derived no benefit until I began using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Had only used four bottles, also some of Dr. Pierce's Ankyne and Healing Suppositories, when I felt like another person. I recommend Dr. Pierce's medicines to all my friends. If anyone wishes to write me I will gladly answer."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription contains no alcohol and is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics. The dealer who offers a substitute for "Favorite Prescription" does so to gain the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines. His profit is your loss; therefore, accept no substitute.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the bowels.

Rawlins, Wyo., Jan. 1.—Excitement is intense here over the announcement that a big flow of oil has been struck east of the city in the Fort Steele district by two independent prospectors, J. H. Anderson and Nels Johnson. All of the country around the scene of the strike in every direction is being staked and a wild rush is being made to locate lands.

## SKIN AND BLOOD PURIFICATION

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## AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Inaugurate the Official Social Season at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt inaugurated today the official social season in the Nation's capital with a brilliant reception at the White House.

No distinctions of race or class were made except such as were rendered necessary by a due respect for order. All persons, rich or poor, with or without rank, were given a gracious greeting by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

During the last hour of the reception the President greeted his callers at the rate of fifty a minute. The Marine band played the liveliest music in its repertoire. Officials stationed at intervals along the line kept the people moving rapidly.

A pretty incident of the reception was the exchange of greetings between the President and Sir Henry Irving, who is playing an engagement this week at the National theater. The distinguished tragedian was given a place in the line immediately following the officers of the Marine corps. President Roosevelt recognized him instantly and gave him a cordial greeting. He then introduced him to Mrs. Roosevelt and to Secretary Root and then invited him to take a place behind the line among the receiving party.

Sir Henry remained for nearly an hour, being shown many pleasant attentions. At the conclusion of the reception the President expressed his gratification that it had passed off so delightfully. During the three hours and eleven minutes he had received 671 people, only a few hundred less than were received a year ago.

## PANIC IN HOTEL.

Fire Breaks Out on the Sixth Floor of the Murray Hill Hotel in New York.

New York, Jan. 1.—Three alarms were sent in this afternoon for a fire that started in a room on the sixth floor of the Murray Hill hotel, at Forty-first street and Park avenue. The fire burned briskly for a while and made its way to the seventh floor and through the roof of one wing, causing a panic estimated at \$10,000. A silent panic resulted, during which many guests left the hotel and one woman faints. No one was injured, however. It is thought the fire started from crossed electric wires.

## RUSH FOR OIL LANDS.

Prospectors in the Fort Steele District in Wyoming Strike Big Flow of Petroleum.

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## WALKER'S STORE

Saturday--The Last Day Before Stock Taking--These Extraordinary Offerings

Women's \$4 Walking Skirts for--\$2.

All the skirts are new, cut in the late fashions of the present moment; some indeed came to us within the last month. Strictly tailor made with strappings and buttons only for trimming; colors are—blue, gray, black, Oxford, blue-gray mixture. All sizes. One hundred in the lot. The value at regular price is exceptional, for the halved price they are most unusual bargains. Saturday all day until closing of store at night—if the number lasts so long—instead of \$4 each—\$2.

Waist Patterns for \$1--Were \$3 and \$3.75

All we have of wool waisting materials go into this sale lot—seventy-five patterns altogether. Many a choice waist you'll find—desirable color and weave. Think well whether it wouldn't be splendid policy to lay in a goodly supply, when \$3 and \$3.75 patterns, three yards, are selling at—\$1.

VELUTINAS REDUCED FROM \$2.25 A YARD TO--\$1.25.

Entire collection of high-grade velutinas, wear guaranteed. Makes handsomest of costumes, waists, coats and is one of the favorite winter fabrics. Colors—brown, castor, green, blue, black; woven 27 inches wide. The \$2.25 a yard quality Saturday all day until closing time at night—\$1.25.

SUIT and SKIRT PATTERNS--HALF PRICED. \$1 to \$3 a Yard Fabrics.

Almost one hundred and twenty-five patterns. A very good variety of many of the best dress fabrics here—exclusive weaves and others. Regular selling price \$1 up to \$3 a yard. Suit and skirt lengths—HALF THESE PRICES.

FINE CORRESPONDENCE PAPER HALF PRICED.

All we have left of the Christmas stationery. Put up in pretty boxes and much of it the choicest writing paper made. White and tints. 40c to \$2.75 a box. Today to finish up the lot—HALF THESE PRICES.

CHILDREN'S 15c A PAIR STOCKINGS--10c.

Ribbed black cotton stockings, good winter weight, sizes 5 to 8 only, sold regularly at 15c a pair. Saturday all day—10c a pair.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS ON FACE POWDERS--7 to 9:30.

La Baronesse face powder, very good quality, white and flesh color only, instead of 20c a box—5c. Some Pinaud "Poudre de Riz," very choice, instead of 25c a box—12c.

Saturday Night Special--Women's \$1.50 Hose Supporters--73c; the

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Women's hook-on hose supporters, fancy frilled silk elastic, with solid sterling silver buckles, very handsome and most desirable patent made, Saturday night instead of \$3 a pair—\$1.67. Women's hook-on supporters, fancy frilled silk elastic, with gold, silver plate and oxidized buckles. Saturday night instead of \$1.50 a pair—73c.

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